



**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1742**

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Title : HOT-ROLLED STEEL STRIP FOR HIGH  
: STRENGTH ELECTRIC RESISTANCE  
: WELDING PIPE AND MANUFACTURING  
: METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 31, 2006, Applicants amend the Application

as follows: